

United States Youth Soccer Association

Practice Plan

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-Are players looking to play out of pressure? -Are players connecting passes to go to goal?

Age Group: U10 Theme: Possession/Penetration

Activity Coaching Points Handball 1st Activity (warm-up) Shape Make 2 teams of players of 5v5-6v6 (20 x 30) Width Players try and throw and catch ball to one another Length A player may not walk or run with the ball in their hands Support off of the ball A dropped ball is a turn-over Play the way your facing Play as an instant activity 2nd Activity Technical Passing Ankle locked Pair up 2 players. 1 ball between them. Toe up Short passes = 2 touch Step next to ball -Receive inside, play with opposite foot Follow through -Receive outside, play with same foot 1st touch out of feet -Receive inside, play with same foot Be balanced 3rd Activity 6v2 w/counter goals Play 6v2. Look for players to spread the field, move when the ball moves, get body into a good position, and accuracy and weight of passes. If 2 win ball they can score on any of 2 goals (incentive to 6v2 defend) Progression: Switch defenders and attackers, can also make pairs and the partners who make mistake and get scored on must switch and now become defenders 4th Activity Possess vs. Score In a 30 x 45 yard grid. 2 teams play against one another with a third team as neutral players with the attacking team (4v4 + 4 = 8v4)One team must connect passes and can use third team on outside Other team defends and upon winning ball tries to score on 2 goals П If successful attacking team possesses, if defending team scores switch roles and outside team becomes new defenders 5th Activity (the game) 6v6 Game The game. Look to let play and observe. -Are players passing and receiving with good technique? -Are players in good support angles, distance? 6v6 -Are players moving off of the ball?